

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached replacement drawing sheet including Fig. 1 should replace the originally filed drawing sheet including Fig. 1. Fig. 1 is amended to remove reference number 10 and its associated leader line.

The attached replacement drawing sheet including Fig. 2 should replace the originally filed drawing sheet including Fig. 2. Fig. 2 is amended to add reference number 3.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the previous amendments and the following remarks.

The drawings are amended to address the issues raised in paragraph "3" of the Official Action. Withdrawal of the drawing objections is therefore respectfully requested.

Before turning to the claims, a brief discussion of a process for the treatment of the glass sheets of an asymmetric pair of glass sheets for the production of a laminated window according to disclosed embodiments is provided. During the process, the two glass sheets are preheated, then undergo a press-bending process, and are finally cooled. As discussed in the first paragraph on page three of the specification, the process is controlled in such a way that the two glass sheets are at substantially the same temperature after completion of the press-bending process.

Turning now to the claims, Claim 1, the only independent claim, is rejected as being anticipated by European Application Publication No. 398759, hereinafter Yoshizawa.

Claim 1 recites a process for the treatment of the glass sheets of an asymmetric pair of glass sheets for the production of a laminated window, whereby the glass sheets are preheated, then undergo a press-bending process and are finally cooled, wherein the preheating and/or the press-bending process are controlled in such a way that the two glass sheets are at substantially the same temperature after completion of the press-bending process.

Lines 45-46 of page 3 of Yoshizawa discuss a heating furnace 1 and a press machine 2 disposed downstream of the heating furnace. As further discussed in

lines 8-9 of page 4 of Yoshikawa, glass sheets G1, G2 are successively sent from the exit or terminal end of the heating furnace 1 to the press machine 2 where they are pressed to shape.

The Official Action does not directly address the recitation that the two glass sheets are at substantially the same temperature after completion of the press-bending process. The Official Action does state that "YOSHIZAWA discloses that the temperature of the glass sheets is equal after the preheating (p. 2, lines 30-33)" (underlining added). However, this would mean only that the temperature of the glass sheets is the same prior to the press bending. Yoshizawa does not disclose that the temperature of the glass sheets is substantially the same after completion of a press-bending process.

Accordingly, Yoshizawa does not disclose a process for the treatment of the glass sheets of an asymmetric pair of glass sheets for the production of a laminated window, whereby the glass sheets are preheated, then undergo a press-bending process and are finally cooled, wherein the preheating and/or the press-bending process are controlled in such a way that the two glass sheets are at substantially the same temperature after completion of the press-bending process, as recited in Claim 1.

Claim 1 is therefore allowable over Yoshizawa, and withdrawal of the anticipatory rejection of Claim 1 is respectfully requested.

New independent Claim 15 recites a process for the treatment of the glass sheets of an asymmetric pair of glass sheets for the production of a laminated window, including preheating the asymmetric glass sheets, press-bending the glass sheets, detecting the temperature of the glass sheets after press-bending the glass

sheets, and controlling the preheating and/or the press-bending so that the glass sheets are at substantially the same temperature after press-bending the glass sheets. Yoshizawa does not disclose aspects of the process recited in new Claim 15. For example, Yoshizawa does not disclose detecting the temperature of glass sheets after press-bending the glass sheets, or controlling the preheating and/or the press-bending so that the glass sheets are at substantially the same temperature after press-bending the glass sheets.

The dependent claims are allowable at least by virtue of their dependence from allowable independent claims, and for reciting additional distinguishing aspects. For example, new Claim 16 recites that the press-bending of the glass sheets is performed at a press-bending station having a glass-bending mould, and that the detecting of the temperature of the glass sheets is performed at the exit of the press-bending station.

Early and favorable action with respect to this application is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful

in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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